

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1347

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Stacey Campfield on his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Stacey Campfield is one such distinguished public servant whose illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 106<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, as he has announced his departure from this august Body to seek election to the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Representative Campfield has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 18<sup>th</sup> House District and of Knox County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties; and

WHEREAS, the good people of the 18th House District evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Stacey Campfield in 2004, by electing him as their representative to the Tennessee General Assembly, a position in which he has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his three terms in the House of Representatives, he has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience, standing unapologetically for what is right even when others fade or go along to get along; and

WHEREAS, born on June 8, 1968, Stacey Campfield is a graduate of Regents College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and holds an Associate's degree from

Broome Community College and an Associate's degree in Marketing from Excelsior College;  
and

WHEREAS, Representative Stacey Campfield is a dynamic and active participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his outstanding contributions and service during the 104<sup>th</sup> – 106<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies; he has astutely served as Vice Chair of the Employee Subcommittee and as a member of the Children and Family Affairs Committee, the Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee, the Government Operations Committee, and the Domestic Relations Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, a proven conservative leader, Stacey Campfield has been consistent in his support of property rights, Second Amendment rights, pro-life legislation, low taxes, fiscal restraint, government accountability, and free market solutions, as he annually received the highest conservative ratings from the Tennessee Conservative Union, Tennessee Right to Life, the National Rifle Association, and the National Federation of Independent Businesses; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Representative Campfield has introduced legislation to: authorize full-time faculty and staff at public colleges and universities in Tennessee to carry handguns if not otherwise prohibited by law; require a death certificate be issued for each abortion performed in Tennessee; and prohibit the teaching of or furnishing of materials on human sexuality other than heterosexuality in public school grades K-8; and

WHEREAS, Representative Campfield was also the sponsor of the "Porn Not Corn" bill that added certain adult-oriented materials and activities to items subject to the amusement tax while lowering the sales tax on certain foods, and the "Baby Daddy bill" which provided that a man proven by genetic testing not to be the father of a child is not liable for child support payments after receipt of such results; and

WHEREAS, standing for what he believes is right, even when it is incredibly unpopular, Representative Stacey Campfield has never shied away from critics or jeers regarding his legislation or beliefs; and

WHEREAS, a pioneer in using the Internet to better communicate with constituents, Representative Campfield is also well known for his often controversial blog - members have watched and hoped they are not mentioned; and

WHEREAS, making international, as well as national, news when he tried to join the Black Caucus, Representative Campfield has appeared on numerous news outlets, including FOX News, CNN, Penn and Teller, and the Mongolian News in the country of Mongolia; and

WHEREAS, a highly successful businessman and accomplished individual, Stacey Campfield is a real estate redeveloper, having previously owned his own car-detailing business, and he operated a drag strip for a number of years; he has a black belt in Karate and Judo, as well as an awesome comic book collection and a love for Mexican wrestling masks; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who has stayed true to his ideals, Representative Campfield loves the give and take of politics and has often been teased about wearing sneakers with his suits on the House floor, explaining that dress shoes hurt his feet, but now his colleagues have recognized that sneakers are good for running to and from the press; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, Stacey Campfield has given his time and energies to many community, civic, and charitable organizations, including the Young Republicans, College Republicans, the West Knox Republican Club, the Concord Farragut Republican Club, the United Way, the American Red Cross, the Sertoma Center, Citizens Police Academy, Read with Me Program, Wesley Neighbors, Westhills Homeowners Association, Norwood Homeowners Association, and Knox Heritage; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Campfield received the 2004 Friend of Taxpayers Award, was a member of the House Republican Caucus Task Force on Tennessee Government Efficiency, served on the Whip Leadership Team, and served as the Assistant Chairman of the Knox County Delegation of Legislators; and

WHEREAS, a devoted son, brother, and uncle, Representative Stacey Campfield is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his family – his sister and brother-in-law, Kelly and Bernie Murtha, and their three daughters, Jessica, Erin, and Abby; his brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Amanda Campfield and their daughter, Miriam; and his best and dearest friend, his mother, Lee Campfield; and

WHEREAS, Stacey Campfield's departure from the House of Representatives will leave a void that will not easily be filled, and his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of the 18th House District; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our respected friend and colleague, Representative Stacey Campfield; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Stacey Campfield on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 18th House District and Knox County, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.